

HAIG SWITCHES ASSAULTS FROM FRANCE TO BELGIUM

U. S. Soldiers Injured, London Report Holds Fronts Despite Hard Opposition

ENTIRE WALL FOLLOW U. S. IN PEACE PLAN

Both Great Britain and France Awaiting Word From Wilson and Early Cabinet Conference.

The full text of Pope Benedict's peace proposal as received from London Wednesday night will be found on Page 5 of this issue.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—(Delayed.) His action by the entire on Pope Benedict's peace plan will wait on President Wilson.

Great Britain and France, the two powers most deeply interested, already have asked the views of the United States. They have been told the president will retain an open mind until he has opportunity carefully to study the entire proposition as put forward by the Vatican.

Up to the present the president has before him only the unofficial copy of the suggestions. The official copy will reach him today through the British embassy or from Ambassador Page. It is to be made the subject of a general cabinet conference. Until then no official statement will be forthcoming.

A full copy of the proposals as made public in London, was in the president's hands last night. Secluded in his study he carefully examined it.

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SAYS MEN POSING AS MEXICANS SEEKING DRAFT EXEMPTIONS

International News Service: MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16.—A committee was appointed by the Mexican congress today to investigate the enrollment of Mexicans in the United States army. Garza Perez, under secretary for foreign affairs, said that almost 70 per cent of the persons making representations to Mexican consuls relative to being drafted in the United States army are not Mexicans. Some of them, he said, are Americans.

STRIKE DISORDERS IN SPAIN REVOLUTIONARY

PARIS, Aug. 16.—Strike disorders in the Spanish province of Catalonia have taken on a revolutionary trend, said a dispatch from the frontier today. Serious clashes in which a number of persons were killed were reported from Barcelona. Troops used cannon and machine guns to quell the disorders. Premier Dato is confident that the government has the situation well in hand and that the general strike will shortly collapse.

CAPT. BOYD RESIGNS. PARIS, Aug. 16.—Capt. Paul Boyd, military attaché to the United States embassy, has resigned and will join the army in the field, it was announced today.

Four South Bend Officers Ordered To Go To France

Four of South Bend's newly commissioned officers from the training camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison have received orders that they will be sent to France immediately after their 12-day furlough, which begins today. The men are: Ray E. Littleton, first lieutenant; Frank E. Blenler, first lieutenant; Arnold M. McInerney, second lieutenant; and Frank O. Hogan, first lieutenant.

Other commissioned officers from this city who will report at various training stations in this country are: D. Chester Grant, second lieutenant, Louisville, Ky.; Clifford F. Cassidy, second lieutenant, Louisville, Ky.; Glen F. Slick, second lieutenant, Gettysburg, Pa.; Leo Schielehut, second lieutenant, Gettysburg, Pa.; Fred C. Coffield, second lieutenant, Gettysburg, Pa.; Robert E. McCurdy, second lieutenant, Gettysburg, Pa.; J. Norris Zigler, second lieutenant, Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Practically all of the local men were at the camp at Fort Harrison returned to South Bend Wednesday night. They will enjoy a brief furlough before reporting at their various posts. The reserve officers who have not yet been assigned will doubtless be sent to the various training camps where the national army will be whipped into shape.

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FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS SOJOURN TO FRONT SUCCESS.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—Foreign Minister Tereschenko, who has just returned from the front, reported to the cabinet today that his negotiations with Gen. Korniloff, the new Russian commander-in-chief, were entirely satisfactory.

At the same time it was announced that the public prosecutor has decided to drop the charges against Gen. Gourko, former commander of the southwestern group of armies, on the ground of lack of evidence.

RUSSIA ADOPTS BLACKLIST.

By Agency Radio to International News Service: PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—Russia has adopted the blacklist. The names of 581 Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Dutch firms were published today with which Russians are forbidden to trade.

HOODWINKING THE POPE. International News Service: CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—"The pope has been hoodwinked by the Kaiser," James A. Patten, the "wheat king," said today, in discussing the pope's peace proposal. "The peace he proposes would be no peace at all. It would be merely a temporary abatement of hostilities."

After Germany has devastated Belgium, attacked women and cut off the hands of children, are they to be let off without having to pay for it?

"Who are these fellows in congress, Sherman and La Follette, who are catering to the German vote in the United States. I say to hell with them. Germany has got to be whipped."

FINAL DRAFT OF STATE COAL BILL TO BE TAKEN UP

Goodrich to Meet With Legislators Friday Afternoon. Hays Asks Wilson Aid at Chicago Meet.

International News Service: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 16.—The final draft of the state coal bill will be shown to several leaders of the legislature by Gov. Goodrich tomorrow afternoon. The bill was prepared by W. H. Thompson, prominent republican attorney, and former Superior Court Judge Charles Cox, a democrat.

Both Gov. Bush and Speaker Eschbach will be present. Among the other legislators invited are Reps. McGonagle, Wright of Randolph, Behner, Dilworth, Cravens, Gorski, Hastner and Houghton; Sens. Gemmill, Elmer, McNaghy, Chambers, Hudgins, Van Auker, McKinley, English, Fleming and Bracken.

A stone was held over the heads of coal miners today, as the result of dissatisfaction expressed by many miners over a reduction in the price of coal, fearing their own wages will be reduced. The third district exemption board put the question as to whether miners shall be exempted under the selective draft up to Gov. Goodrich. The governor informed them that if they were released from military service on the ground that they could be of more service in mining coal, they would have to "play ball."

T. E. Dempsey, the Illinois public service commission, is expected here today to discuss the coal situation.

It was stated that the bill is drastic in its specifications for the control of Indiana coal mines, giving ample powers to the state to prevent any circumvention of the purpose of the bill.

The special session probably will begin about Sept. 1, several of the legislators may be present in military uniform, as the governor plans to ask for furloughs for members now in the military service.

HAYS ASKS WILSON AID.

International News Service: CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Wm. W. Hays, president of the Indiana council of defense, today introduced at a meeting of the defense councils of middle western states a resolution asking President Wilson to take a hand in the coal price situation, under the powers conferred upon him by the food control bill.

The resolution probably will put the state councils on record regarding a method of coping with the situation. Many of the representatives have advocated state control.

The coal situation in the middle west today developed a split in the ranks of organized labor and threatened a conflict of interests between the federal government and state councils of defense.

New Strike Reported.

While labor leaders ordered the 12,000 striking Illinois coal miners to return to their work, a new strike was reported at Athens, Ill. But one mine in the strike zone had responded to the order to return to work at noon today. Miners at Girard reported for work.

Coal operators, who have been in session here for two days, were almost unanimously opposed to state control of price fixing, and are fighting for federal regulation.

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"The operators in our state have increased prices 75 per cent, although operating expenses have increased only 15 per cent," he said.

DYNAMITE PLOT IN NEW YORK SUBWAY

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CZERNIN MEETS MICHAELIS.

By Agency Radio to International News Service: ZURICH, Aug. 16.—Count Czernin, the Austrian foreign minister, has arrived in Berlin from German headquarters on the western front, where he conferred with Dr. Michaelis, the German chancellor, Dr. von Kuhlmann, the German foreign secretary, and a number of army chiefs.

STATE DEPARTMENT HAS NO WORD; SIBERT IN REVIEW OF TROOPS

Associated Press Service: LONDON, Aug. 16.—According to the Daily News some wounded American soldiers from the western front have just arrived at the hospital at Bath.

WASHINGTON HAS NO WORD.

Associated Press Service: WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Neither the war nor navy department has any news on the reported wounding of American troops on the western front. Prompt official announcement is promised when information is received provided it is not incompatible with military interest.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—In army circles it was believed the report that American soldiers had been wounded in action might have originated from the transfer of sick soldiers to the place mentioned.

BY DANIEL DILLON. International News Service Staff Correspondent.

AMERICAN TRAINING CAMP IN FRANCE, Aug. 15.—(Delayed.)—The flower of the American army was today reviewed by Gen. Sibert, the second in command.

Amidst waving flags and to the tune of blaring bands the American swung by the reviewing stand. It was the first time that the entire strength of the expeditionary force had been assembled.

The scene was truly warlike. The troops marched along a road flanked by low lying hills the sides of which were gashed with training trenches and with bristling rows of barbed wire entanglements.

"I am proud to be the commander of such a splendid body of men," said Gen. Sibert when the review was over. "This was no review before cheering crowds but plain army maneuvers. Yet, the soldiers handled themselves like veterans. I was particularly pleased with the efficiency and field marching of the troops. They have had little training for this feature of the work as their time has been devoted almost entirely to learning the technical side of modern warfare. They certainly did bravely."

The weather was like April. At times the sky darkened and rain fell only to be followed by intermittent bursts of sunshine. The men were all in high spirits and joked continually with one another.

French Officer Present.

Accompanying Gen. Sibert were his staff and some French officers. All were enthusiastic over the splendid showing made by the Americans.

A touch of real war thrills was given by the bursting of bombs in a pocketed valley where grenade throwing drills were in progress.

The date of the grand review had been kept a secret in order to guard against a possible aerial attack by the Germans.

It was the largest force of United States troops ever reviewed on foreign soil and the men themselves were infected by the spirit of the thing.

It lasted but a few minutes to 10 o'clock. Gen. Sibert and his staff, all mounted, galloped up to the reviewing station. Just at 10 the first bars of music from a regimental band were heard and then a line of khaki platoons flashed upon the scene. There were four platoons to each company.

A feature of the spectacle was

COLONEL'S STAFF IS ORDERED HERE

Local Companies Will Resume Active Drills Friday. Will Learn French.

Col. George W. Freymuth's field staff, composed of a lieutenant colonel, three majors, three battalion adjutants and a chaplain, have been ordered to this city and will be here permanently until the guardsmen leave for the concentration camps at Hattiesburg Miss. Lieut. Col. Killmer, a member of the staff, has been ordered to Fort Sill, Okla., taking a course in military, and he will have charge of the men in this branch.

Miss Thekla Sack of the high school faculty has also agreed to teach a class of soldiers in French.

After a week of light work and drills on the program for the members of the local national guard, starting today, the national guard will be put to the test by a review of the troops on the hospital list as a result of the recent vaccinations and inoculations. Capt. Clinton Rogers announced Thursday that all companies would return to the regular schedule of drills. Only a few men in each company are now laid up and they are expected to be ready for work by Friday.

It was announced Thursday by Col. Freymuth that the temporary camp site at Leeper park has been christened Camp Alfred B. Miller.

Mrs. Emma Smith is the first South Bend woman to complete comfort kits for the soldiers. Mrs. Smith turned in three kits to Capt. Elmer D. Rex today. A number of other women and clubs are expected to complete their kits by the end of the week.

A total of 17 more pies reached headquarters Thursday. One of the pies was baked by Mrs. George Iniger, who is 92 years old.

Sergeant James Runyan, who is in charge of the ticket sale for the benefit ball game Saturday, stated Thursday that the tickets were selling rapidly and that a crowd of 2,000 are expected to witness the game.

Mgr. Lentz of the Singer team has been giving his men regular workouts all week in preparation to give the all-star team a drubbing. Capt. Koehler of the all-stars, however, is quite confident that his team will return victors.

Koehler announced the following lineup: Rostler, c.; Malloy, p.; Tannehill, ss.; Koehler, 1b.; Wertz, 2b.; Doulton, 3b.; Touhey, if.; DeRose, cf.; J. Gruber, cf.

12,000 RAILWAY MEN STRIKE IN ARGENTINA; MORE MAY GO OUT

International News Service: BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 16.—With 12,000 railway employees on strike in central Argentina the leaders of the movement today threatened to make it general unless an agreement is reached at once. Efforts are being made by the railroad men to induce other trades to join the walkout. The federation of Argentina labor has adopted a resolution protesting against possible intervention by the government.

LENINE IN HIDING.

By Agency Radio to International News Service: PETROGRAD, Aug. 16.—Nicholas Lenine, agitator and pro-German agent, who was recently reported to have fled to Switzerland, is now said to be hiding in this city. It was reported today that Lenine, from his hiding place, sent a report to the exiled congress on Sunday.

NAVY IN DEMAND FOR CHANCE TO ACT IN BIG WAR

Sec'y Daniels and Admiral Mayo Talk With Wilson. To Make Suggestions to Cabinet.

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—The American navy wants to take a more prominent part in the war. Officers and men alike, from the fleet commander to the latest recruit, are demanding action. This has been impressed on Sec'y Daniels. Today Pres't Wilson was told at first hand that the fleet would like to get into action. The conference with the president, which was attended by Sec'y Daniels and Admiral Mayo, commanding the Atlantic battle fleet, was the first of several that are to be held.

While no information as to the details of the subjects discussed was forthcoming it is understood that Admiral Mayo explained a number of suggestions which have been made. It also is understood that the admiral was able to explain in some details the manner in which the navy is protecting all transfers of troops and supplies across the water.

Anti-sub Campaign.

Sentiment is growing daily in the navy for a more active campaign against the submarines. Many experienced officers who have made a careful study of conditions believe that unless the war is carried directly to the German fleet it is only a question of time when the new and largest type of German submarine will be operating at the very doors of the United States and on both coasts.

They have pointed out in official reports to the bureau of operations, the secretary of the navy, and presumably, to the president, that the British navy has pursued its cautious policy chiefly because it is so close to German territory that an invasion in force is an ever present danger. This is not the case so far as the United States is concerned. And daily the spirit of "damn the torpedoes" is increasing in the navy and the men of the fleet want the president to allow it to do a real part under modern conditions.

Consider Question of Policy.

Today's conference between Admiral Mayo, Sec'y Daniels and the president was devoted to general consideration of questions of policy. Naturally no information as to results was forthcoming. It is accepted, however, that the results of the conference will be made obvious before very long. Among other matters discussed was the reports of Vice Admiral Sims, commander of the American destroyer fleet, now operating in European waters. Certain of the recommendations suggested by Admiral Sims were explained at length by Admiral Mayo.

Federal Reply to I. W. W. is Host of Indictments

International News Service: WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.—Orders for wholesale prosecutions of I. W. W.'s in seven states comprise the answer of the United States government today to I. W. W. agitators, who have threatened a general strike in the far west on Aug. 20.

Instead of mediating and conciliating and otherwise handling the cases as labor cases, the government will go after the agitators on political grounds under war regulations. The troubles have passed the stage of labor difficulties and become serious political menaces. It was announced.

Accordingly orders went forward from the department of justice today to district attorneys in Oregon, Washington, Montana, California, Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico to institute proceedings against I. W. W. members and leaders under the war regulations wherever the cases interfere with American's prosecution of the war.

PREDICT BIG CORN CROP. TULSA, Okla., Aug. 16.—North-eastern Oklahoma and a large section of western Arkansas will harvest the greatest corn crop in the history of the two states this year.

Russ-Roumanian Forces Beat Off German Attacks

By Agency Radio to International News Service: PARIS, Aug. 16.—The battle raging around Marashehti, on the Roumanian front, is the bloodiest struggle that has ever been fought on Moldavian territory, according to information reaching Paris today.

Ten divisions of Teuton troops, nine of them made up of Germans, attacked the Russo-Roumanians, but every onslaught was beaten off with enormous losses.

The battle continues with indescribable violence and it is expected to last for days before the final result is shown.

It has developed that the Russians and Roumanians built up a strong line of defense from Braila on the Russian-Galician frontier to the Moldavian Carpathians. The Austro-German forces of von Boehm-Ermolli, Koevers, Archduke and Field Marshal von Mackensen were unable to break through them.

AUSTRIANS REPULSED.

By Agency Radio to International News Service: ROME, Aug. 16.—The repulse of Austro-Hungarian attacks by Italian artillery in the Vindice sector was reported by the war office today. Italian airmen are very active.

WE'LL DUMP THEIR MILK ON GROUND

Prominent Producer Hints of Method to Bring All Up to 25 Cent Price.

"We'll get our 25 cents all right. If the other producers will not demand that we'll just go out—I'll go along to help—and stop their haulers and dump the milk in the road."

The speaker was Edward Zeidler, dairyman, and a member of the coterie in the producers' association which is attempting to raise the wholesale price of milk to 25 cents a gallon. Local retailers maintain there are plenty of producers willing to take 22 cents.

Zeidler was talking to a local retailer. Of course, it was not for publication. His statement was apropos of the published announcement of local leaders Wednesday that they would refuse milk unless it was offered for 22 cents.

Battle of Organizations.

From the confusion of point of view the milk situation in South Bend seems to have resolved itself into a battle between the two organizations, the producer's association on the one hand and the retailer's association on the other. The price of milk will depend largely on the outcome of this battle. Two bodies and the success which either may have in swaying the majority of the producers.

The retailers assert their present supply is adequate at the 22 cent price. If a policy of coercion, such as was hinted by Zeidler Thursday, is carried into effect, however, it may affect the supply materially. The immediate effect will be another increase in the retail price.

Should the producers attempt to carry out Zeidler's policy as an association, undoubtedly it will be through the medium of the small "vigilance committee" appointed at a recent meeting of the body, but the activity of which has been carefully guarded. It has been rumored that a campaign of "persuasion" was to be tried among the dissenting members who are said to constitute a majority of the producers in the effort to get them to raise to 25 cents.

Crisis on Saturday.

Saturday likely will witness the crucial stage of the milk battle. Both associations will meet that time, to decide on a further course of action. One or two of the retailers were reported to be paying 25 cents for their product Thursday. The following explanation, however, was offered by one of these dealers:

"I have agreed to pay 25 cents a gallon until Saturday. When it is agreed that 22 cents is the top price that retailers will pay, the producer who supplies me will refund the three cents on each gallon."

CONSERVATION IS FAILURE.

International News Service: NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—Food conservation is a failure along the "peacock alleys" of New York hotels.

DESPITE HARD OPPOSITION

Germans Continue Counter Attacks in Lens But Fail to Regain Lost Positions. Credit to Canadians.

An account of the Canadian drive on Lens will be found on Page 10 of this issue.

International News Service: LONDON, Aug. 16.—Field Marshal Haig switched his assaults from France to Belgium today, delivering powerful attacks against German positions north and east of Ypres.

In spite of the stubborn resistance of the Germans, the British made progress over a wide front, the war office announced. The fighting was very violent.

In the Lens sector the Germans continued their counter attacks, assaulting the British lines at three different points. All of the German thrusts were repulsed.

GERMAN DRIVES FAIL.

International News Service: LONDON, Aug. 16.—Vigorous efforts of the Germans to stem the British encircling movement at Lens have broken down under the sturdy resistance of the Canadian and English soldiers.

Dispatches from the front today show that the lion's share of honors in the recent burst of heavy fighting in the Lens-Lens sector to the Canadians.

It was the overseas troops that charged through the thick barrage fire of the German guns and stormed up the bullet swept slopes of Hill No. 79, just north of Lens, engaging the Prussians in a hand-to-hand struggle in which men literally tore each other to pieces. Bayonets and rifle butts were the only weapons that the soldiers could use.

The German positions had been badly wrecked by the British cannonade which had been directed against them for 10 days before the Canadians were sent forward. However, numerous dugouts escaped the rain of shells and as the attackers pressed forward the survivors were caught in the fire of machine guns that were huddled from the German dugouts. Despite this fire the British losses were slight. Official dispatches from the headquarters of Field Marshal Haig said that the British casualties were absolutely negligible in comparison with the magnitude of the brilliant success.

Assaults Are Checked.

Before the British could consolidate their new positions the Germans began counter attacking, but the assaults were all checked before the troops could reach their lost positions and the survivors were rolled back, leaving enormous numbers of dead and wounded behind.

Not only is the best position of the Germans at Lens, measured by this latest British victory, but a big section of the western front stretching from the Belgian frontier to the middle of the Arras zone is put in jeopardy. If the Germans are forced to evacuate Lens it means that they lose their grip on the French coal fields and upon the industrial city of Lille, which they have held since von Kluck's legions rolled through France toward Paris in the autumn of 1914.

PROBE TROLLEY WRECK NEAR GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING CAMP

International News Service: GREAT LAKES, Ill., Aug. 16.—A rigid probe of the causes of the collision of two Chicago, North Shore and Milwaukee electric cars, in which two persons were killed and 12 injured, was begun today by state and county authorities.

Reports that the motorist of the car which crashed into the excursion train was speeding in an attempt to beat a steam train on a parallel track, were being investigated.

EAST ST. LOUIS CASES ARE WELL UNDER WAY

International News Service: EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Aug. 16.—With 21 men under arrest and capsules for the remainder of the 105 indicted for participation in the East St. Louis race riots in the hands of the sheriff, prosecution for the wholesale slaughter of blacks on July 2 is well under way today.

It was reported at Belleville that indictments charging murder were returned against three members of the East St. Louis police force.